

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: AOKI et al.
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For: TIRE NOISE REDUCING SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, line 5, change "Figs.11-13" to --Figs.9-13--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 9, line 1, change "claim 6, 7 or 8" to --to claim

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Please add the following claims:

--Claim 13. The tire noise reducing system according to claim 7, which further comprises an apparatus for injecting the foamable liquid damper into the tire hollow, the apparatus comprises a container for the foamable liquid damper, a high-pressure gas source to let the foamable liquid damper from the container, and a nozzle for discharging a mixture of the liquid damper and high-pressure gas to be injected into the tire hollow.

Claim 14. The tire noise reducing system according to claim 8, which further comprises an apparatus for injecting the foamable liquid damper into the tire hollow, the apparatus comprises a container for the foamable liquid damper, a high-pressure gas source to let the foamable liquid damper from the container, and a nozzle for discharging a mixture of the liquid damper and high-pressure gas to be injected into the tire hollow.--

REMARKS

The above amendment to the specification clarifies the description of the drawings, so as to correspond with the drawings.

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application. The claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form prior to examination.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Joseph A. Kolasch (Reg. 22,463) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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